(c) The achievements on core activities under the Command Area Development Programme in Andhra Pradesh, since inception of the Programme in 1974-75 to end of March, 2001 are given below:

Core activity	Achievements upto March, 2001 ('000 Ha.)
Construction of Field Channels	677.71
Construction of Field Drains	9.07
Warabandi Land leveling	425.93
	369.65

So far an amount of Rs. 92.98 crores has been released to Andhra Pradesh as Central assistance under the Command Area Development Programme.

Dependence on rains for irrigation of land

†3231. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH LALAN': Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the agricultural land in the country depends on rainwater for irrigation;

(b) if so, the percentage of land dependent on rainwater for irrigation by the end of the year 2001; and

(c) the percentage of the land dependent on rainwater for irrigation which is affected by excessive rain, average rain and low rain respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) As per Land Use Statistics brought out by the Ministry of Agriculture for the year 1998-99 (latest) the Net Sown Area (Cultivated Area) of the country was 142.60 million hectare of which Net Irrigated Area

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

was 57.05 million hectare, thereby leaving 60% of the Net Sown Area as unirrigated or, dependent on rainwater for irrigation. The distribution of rainfall on long-term basis over the different parts of the country is as follows:

Rainfall Range	*0/ /o* Area of the Country
Excessive Plan (More than 150 cm/year)	15%
Average Rain (75 cm to 150 cm/year)	64%
Low Rain (Less than 75 cm/year)	21%

Cost escalation of IGNP

3232. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED £HAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the original estimated cost and implementation schedule of the Indira Gandhi Nahar Pariyojana and the phase-wise and sector-wise implementation of the project so far;

(b) the cost-escalation suffered by the project and extent and the reasons for delay;

(c) the plan-wise amount sanctioned for the canal project from the Central and State funds; and

(d) by when, it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The original estimated cost of the Indira Gandhi Nahar Pariyojana was Rs. 66.46 crore in 1957 and the project was to be completed by 1968-69.

Following revision in scope, the project is being implemented in